GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4172
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
IMPORT OF WHEAT
JITENDRA PRASADA;PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry was ordered into the import of wheat from Australia and Canada on July 20, 1998;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the matter;

(c) the reasons for the delay in the matter; and

(d) the time by which the same will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Government has asked the Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI) on 20.7.1998 to look into the wheat imports on Government account made during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99.CBI has registered a PE. 14(A)/98-Delhi dated 4.8.98 to enquire into theimport of wheat contracted by STC from Australian Wheat Board on 26.2.1998. The relevant records pertaining to State Trading Corporation (STC), Food Corporation of India (FCI),Department of Agriculture, Department of Food and Cabinet Secretariat have been collected and the same have been scrutinized by the CBI.CBI have expressed their inability to proceed further in respect of Canadian wheat contract unless there are specific allegations/issues.